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In re Application of:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

The deadline for filing a response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2003 originally required a reply by September 3, 2003.

Applicants desire additional time to respond to the Office Action, and therefore request that the deadline for reply to the Office Action be extended one month from September 3, 2003 until October 3, 2003 under the provisions of Rule 136(a). Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fee required in connection with this paper, including the \$110.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) for consideration of this extension to Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this sheet is also enclosed.

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